

HOUSE BILL No. 1214

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-5-62-8; IC 21-3-1.7.

Synopsis: Education terminology. Provides consistency in language and meaning in the Indiana Code by adding the word "academic" to references to high school honors diplomas in the Indiana Code. Corrects a misspelling of the word "academic" in the Indiana Code.

Effective: July 1, 1999.

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January 11, 1999, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 1998 General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-5-62-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 8. (a) The contract must
3 contain the following provisions:

4 (1) A list of the statutes and rules that are suspended from
5 operation in a freeway school corporation or freeway school, as
6 listed in section 5 of this chapter.

7 (2) A description of the privileges of a freeway school corporation
8 or freeway school, as listed in section 6 of this chapter.

9 (3) A description of the educational benefits listed in section 7 of
10 this chapter that a freeway school corporation or freeway school
11 agrees to:

12 (A) achieve by the end of five (5) complete school years after
13 the contract is signed; and

14 (B) maintain at the end of:

15 (i) the sixth; and

16 (ii) any subsequent;

17 complete school year after the contract is signed.



(4) A plan and a schedule for the freeway school corporation or freeway school to achieve the educational benefits listed in section 7 of this chapter by the end of five (5) complete school years after the contract is signed. The schedule must show some percentage of improvement by the end of the second, third, and fourth complete school years after the contract is signed.

(5) A school by school strategy, including curriculum, in which character education is demonstrated to be a priority. The strategy required under this subdivision must include the following subjects as integral parts of each school's character education:

(A) Hygiene.

(B) Alcohol and drugs.

(C) Diseases transmitted sexually or through drug use, including AIDS.

(D) Honesty.

(E) Respect.

(F) Abstinence and restraint.

(6) A plan under which the freeway school corporation or freeway school will offer courses that will allow a student to become eligible to receive an **academic** honors diploma.

(7) A plan under which the freeway school corporation or freeway school will maintain a safe and disciplined learning environment for students and teachers.

(b) In the contract:

(1) the quantitative measures of benefits may be higher, but not lower, than the minimum educational benefits listed in section 7 of this chapter; and

(2) educational benefits may be included in addition to the minimum educational benefits listed in section 7 of this chapter.

SECTION 2. IC 21-3-1.7-3.1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 3.1. (a) As used in this chapter, "previous year revenue" for calculations with respect to a school corporation equals:

(1) the school corporation's tuition support for regular programs, including basic tuition support, and excluding:

(A) special education grants;

(B) vocational education grants;

(C) at-risk programs;

(D) the enrollment adjustment grant; and

(E) for 1999 and thereafter, the ~~academic~~ **academic** honors diploma award;

for the year that precedes the current year; plus



(2) the school corporation's tuition support levy for the year that precedes the current year before the reductions required under section 5(1), 5(2), and 5(3) of this chapter; plus

(3) the school corporation's excise tax revenue for the year that precedes the current year by two (2) years; minus

(4) an amount equal to the reduction in the school corporation's tuition support under subsection (b) or IC 20-10.1-2-1, or both.

(b) A school corporation's previous year revenue shall be reduced if:

(1) the school corporation's state tuition support for special or vocational education was reduced as a result of a complaint being filed with the department of education after December 31, 1988, because the school program overstated the number of children enrolled in special or vocational education programs; and

(2) the school corporation's previous year revenue has not been reduced under this subsection more than one (1) time because of a given overstatement.

The amount of the reduction equals the amount the school corporation would have received in tuition support for special and vocational education because of the overstatement.

SECTION 3. IC 21-3-1.7-9.8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 9.8. (a) In addition to the distributions under sections 8, 9.5, and 9.7 of this chapter, a school corporation is eligible for an **academic** honors diploma award in the amount determined under STEP TWO of the following formula:

STEP ONE: Determine the number of the school corporation's eligible pupils who successfully completed an academic honors diploma program in the school year ending in the previous calendar year.

STEP TWO: Multiply the STEP ONE amount by eight hundred dollars (\$800).

(b) Each year the governing body of a school corporation may use the money that the school corporation receives for an **academic** honors diploma award under this section to give eight hundred dollars (\$800) to each eligible pupil in the school corporation who successfully completes an academic honors diploma program in the school year ending in the previous calendar year.

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